

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A product registration management apparatus comprising:

a product information acquisition unit that acquires product information including a product ID (identification) identifying a product to be registered;

~~a product information registration unit first database~~ that registers product information including a product ID of a shipped product;

a second database that registers an acquired product information acquired by the product information acquisition unit;

a proper registration propriety decision unit that refers to the product information ~~registration unit registered in the first database~~ by using the acquired product information, and decides whether or not the acquired product information is to be properly registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database based on whether or not a product ID of the acquired product information is registered in the ~~product information registration unit first database~~;

~~a temporary registration condition storage unit memory~~ that stores temporary registration condition information providing a condition permitting temporary registration of product information; and

a temporary registration unit that temporarily registers the acquired product information to the second database when the acquired product information is decided as improper to be registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database by the proper registration propriety decision unit and when the

acquired product information meets the temporary registration condition information.

15. (Currently Amended) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 14 further comprising

a decision unit that decides whether a product ID included in a product information that has been temporarily registered in the temporary registration unit second database is a product ID that is registered again in the product information registration unit first database during a designated temporary registration period, and

a registration migration unit that migrates changes the temporarily registered product information from the temporary registration unit to the product information registration unit in the second database to a formally registered product information when the decision unit decides the product ID included in the product information is registered again in the product information registration unit first database during the designated temporary registration period.

16. (Currently Amended) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

the temporary registration condition information includes at least a product ID identifying a product, and

the temporary registration unit refers to the temporary registration condition storage unit memory by using the product ID included in the acquired product information decided as improper to be registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database so as to decide whether or not the acquired product information decided as improper to be registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database is to be temporarily registered [[in]] to the temporary registration unit second database, and temporary temporarily registers the acquired product information decided as improper to be registered

[[in]] to the product information registration unit second database, in the temporary registration unit to the second database when the product ID included in the improper product information is decided to be properly registered in the temporary registration unit to the second database.

17. (Currently Amended) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

the temporary registration condition storage unit memory stores a temporary registration condition corresponding to a product ID, and

the temporary registration unit refers to the temporary registration condition stored in the temporary registration condition storage unit memory by using a product ID included in a product information decided as improper to be registered to the product information registration unit second database, and decides that the improper product information is to be registered to the temporary registration unit second database when the product ID included in the improper product information is decided to be properly registered to the temporary registration unit second database.

18. (Currently Amended) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising

a registration migration unit that decides whether or not the product ID included in the acquired product information registered in the temporary registration unit second database is registered in the product information registration unit first database by referring to the product information registration unit first database, and that migrates changes the temporarily registered product information from the temporary registration unit to the product information registration unit in the second database to a formally registered product information when the product ID included in the product information is registered in the product information registration unit first database.

19. (Currently Amended) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 18, wherein

the registration ~~migration~~ unit cancels temporary registration of the acquired product information in the ~~temporary registration unit~~ second database when the product ID included in the acquired product information is not registered in the ~~product information~~ first database in a designated temporary registration period.

20. (Currently Amended) A product registration management method performed by a processor, the method comprising:

acquiring product information including a product ID (identification) identifying a product to be registered;

referring to a ~~product information registration unit~~ first database which registers product information of a shipped product, by using the acquired product information so as to decide whether or not the acquired product information is to be properly registered ~~in the product information registration unit~~ to a second database which registers an acquired product information, based on whether or not the acquired product information is registered in the ~~product information registration unit~~ first database; and

registering the acquired product information temporarily ~~in a temporary registration unit~~ to the second database when the acquired product information is decided as improper to be registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database by the referring and when the acquired product information meets temporary registration condition information providing a condition permitting temporary registration of product information.

21. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium storing a product registration management program for directing a computer to perform a product registration management process comprising:

acquiring product information including a product ID (identification) identifying a product to be registered;

referring to a ~~product information registration unit~~ first database which registers product information of a shipped product, by using the acquired product information so as to decide whether or not the acquired product information is to be properly registered ~~in the product information registration unit~~ to a second database which registers an acquired product information, based on whether or not the acquired product information is registered in the ~~product information registration unit~~ first database; and

registering the acquired product information temporarily ~~in a temporary registration unit~~ to the second database when the acquired product information is decided as improper to be registered [[in]] to the product information registration unit second database by the referring and when the acquired product information meets temporary registration condition information providing a condition permitting temporary registration of product information.

22. (New) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the temporary registration condition information indicates a condition for selecting a product which has a possibility of an invalid product ID.

23. (New) The product registration management apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the temporary registration condition information indicates a condition for selecting a product identified by a product ID including a lot number which indicates a production line where there was a mistake in ID assignment in a past.